

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests substantive examination of the application in view of the above amendment and the following remarks.

In response to the requirement for an election of species under PCT rule 13.1-2, as far as applicant understands the requirement to elect one of the species identified in the Office Action, applicant elects the species identified as "Species 8, illustrated in Figure 6B".

Applicant believes that all the claims read on the species of figure 6B because both independent claims recite "additional physical address range to and additional defect management area" which is shown in figure 6B.

All the claims are in condition for allowance and applicant respectfully requests allowance of all the claims.

Please charge any fee deficiencies and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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